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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

GREENFIELD, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1883.

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School Report.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Charles Lowe, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Anna S. Richardson, of Lyndeboro', a teacher of experience and well adapted to the work in the school room. We think she gave general satisfaction. It is a source of pleasure to see the interest manifested in the school by the parents.

Fall term, six weeks, under the instruction of Mr. Frank M. Banfill, of Nashua. Mr. B.'s first term. Although inexperienced in teaching, he found no difficulty in finding his true and proper place in the school room. His gentlemanly ways and cheerful countenance, and firmness in order, soon had a beneficial influence. Considering the shortness of the term, we think a good work was done.

Winter term, eight weeks, taught by Miss Ella J. Burns, of Nashua, a teacher of long experience, and understanding well the responsibilities of the teacher and the duty of the pupils, she at once commenced successfully the work before her. To labor for the best good of her pupils seemed to be her great desire. The closing exercises gave evidence of faithful work by teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

George P. Holt, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, six weeks, taught by Miss Anna P. Fitch. Miss F.'s first term. Fresh from the halls of learning, and with a

mind well disciplined, she commenced her work with zeal, and soon gained the respect and esteem of all. Although the day of examination was very rainy, a good number of the parents were in to witness the closing exercises. Everything was satisfactory and highly gratifying to your Superintendent, and we think, to all present.

Winter term, six weeks, taught by Miss Eva J. Sawyer, of Antrim. The general appearance of the school at the commencement was favorable. We looked for good results, and our hopes were not blasted. The examination showed commendable progress in all branches pursued. As the terms are *very short*. we would suggest that more aid at home during the long winter evenings might be of great and lasting benefit to the children.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Dustin Pollard, Prudential Committee.

Miss Ellen M. Nahor. teacher. This school was under her instruction 30 weeks; the improvement made was remarkable. A great advance was perceptible *in every class*, and *by every pupil*. Your Superintendent spent a day in the school at the close of the last term, and truly it was a pleasant one—one we all shall long remember. One grand feature in the examination was thoroughness. Every answer, every explanation made was done understandingly. Another good feature was the deep interest manifested by every pupil; this was seen in a remarkable degree. We wish that every father and every mother could have witnessed the exercises of the morning. The two classes in Algebra and the various classes in Arithmetic made their recitations very interesting. All questions were promptly answered, and the work on the board neatly performed and readily and clearly explained. Notes, bills, drafts, etc., were handed in for acceptance; we think all, or nearly all, were correct. We believe the outline maps add much to the interest in Geography. We approve of Miss Nahor's method of instruction, and wish we had more teachers like her. *She certainly is deserving of great praise.*

DISTRICT NO. 4.

James Quimby, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, six weeks, taught by Miss Fannie I. Lakin, of Greenfield. Your Committee was not able to be in at the close of the summer term, but we think the improvement good.

The fall term taught by the same teacher. The examination gave evidence of faithful labor, and was entirely satisfactory. Miss L., with more advantages, will make a good and successful teacher in any school.

DISTRICTS NOS. 5 & 8.

John T. Robertson, Prudential Committee.

One term, twelve weeks, taught by Mr. J. T. Robertson, a person too well known as a teacher and a man to need any praise from me. We will only say that the school *did well*, and we *enjoyed our visit at the close very much.*

DISTSICT NO. 7.

Reuben Dutton, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Lillie B. Dutton, of Lyndeboro'; a teacher of some experience and well qualified by nature as well as by knowledge gained from books to make her a successful teacher. She accomplished a good work during the few weeks she labored for the school.

Winter term, eight weeks, taught by Mr. Newell J. Sawyer. Being pleasant in the school room, he naturally gains and retains the respect and love of his pupils. Possessing, as he does, ample powers, both physical and mental, the thought has occurred to us that he might be *more useful*, and do *more good* in some other school. This is only a suggestion. Now we are making suggestions, we will name one more. The pupils are so few in this district, if all the legal voters would be willing to unite with other districts and give up district No. 7, we think it would be a good thing.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

A. N. Hardy, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss E. A. Bradford, of Francestown. Number of weeks, six. Considering the brevity of the term, we think the school did well. The school was under good instruction and good government, which is very essential in order that the best results may be obtained. Miss B. has the requisite qualities, and with more experience will gain a standing among our best teachers.

Winter term, eight weeks, taught by Miss M. I. Ramsey, of Peterboro'. Miss R. entered into her work with much enthusiasm, and quickly gained the confidence and love of all her pupils, consequently there was nothing to mar the happiness or hinder the progress of the school. Advance was made in all branches. We can recommend Miss R. as a kind and faithful teacher.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names through the year—three terms:

Eddie Hopkins, Nellie Cummings.

Two terms:

Abbie Hopkins,	Eddie Pollard,	Lu A. Butler.
Walter Hopkins,	Lillie Butler,	Minnie S. Reynolds.

One term:

Abbie Day,	George Holt,	Eddie Lawrence,
Eddie Ingalls,	Eddie Peavey,	Willie Hill.
Minnie Wheeler,	Arthur Savage,	Rosa M. Lowe.
Albert G. Reynolds,	Charles J. Smith.	George Smith.
Jotie Draper,	Willie C. Draper.	Clarence A. Lowe.
Page A. Lowe,	George A. Reynolds,	Minnie F. Harrington.
Clintie P. Martin,	Mary A. Cain,	Emma F. Cain,
Ella M. Cain,	Nellie Cashion,	Henry Flynn,
Georgianna Holt,	Josie S. Blanchard,	Edith M. Holt,
	Charles M. Holt.	

Districts.	Names of Teachers.	Number of weeks.	Number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	No. not absent.	Visits by S. S. Com.	Visits by Prud. Com.	Visits by citizens.	Amount of money.
	Summer Schools.								
1	Anna S. Richardson	8	11	10	3	2		9	
2	Anna P. Fitch	6	13	10	8	2	1	16	
3	Ellen M. Nahor	10	48	44	9	2		29	
4	Fannie I Lakin	8	14	12	3			4	
7	Lillie B. Dutton	9	8	7		2		2	
10	Emily A. Bradford	6	17	11		2	2	8	
	Fall and Winter Schools.								
1	Frank M. Banfill	6	16	15	6	2		7	$94 90
	Ella J. Burns	10	15	14	6	2		7	
2	Eva J. Sawyer	6	15	13	7	2			53 46
3	Ellen M. Nahor	10	45	43	6	2		31	312 75
	Ellen M. Nahor	10	43	34	5	2		30	
4	Fannie I. Lakin	6	10	9	1	2		2	30 41
5 & 8	John T. Robertson	12	34	27	2	2	2	14	84 40
7	Newell J. Sawyer	8	8	6	1	2		3	83 34
9	No School	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33 75
10	Mary Isa Ramsey	8	15	11	5	2	2	6	75 29
	Total	..	..	..	..	..	..		$768 30

REMARKS.

Fellow Citizens: Looking at the condition of our school houses and the number of pupils in the various districts, we feel disposed to make a few suggestions. We think we are not spending our money to the best advantage, or receiving so much good from it as we might if some changes could be made. We believe we should dispense with two or three districts and enlarge the one in the village, and then build a good substantial house, one in which we might have a graded school. Two good teachers could then instruct eighty or one hundred pupils, and the improvement would be far greater. The trouble is there are not scholars enough in some of our districts to get up an interest. We know there would be some disadvantages; the greatest would be the distance some would be obliged to go. We think if you will look at it carefully you will see the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages. We recommend the change and leave it for your consideration, hoping the citizens of the town will give it careful thought. The work of the year will be remembered with pleasure. Thanking all for their kindness we submit this report.

A. N. HARDY,

Supt. School Committee.

Greenfield, N. H., Feb. 24, 1883.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the Year Ending March 1, 1883.

Assessed upon the polls and estates of residents, and upon the estates of non-residents in the town of Greenfield for the year 1882,		$3,655 57

RECEIPTS.

Taxes assessed in 1882,	$3,610 90	
Interest on taxes assessed in 1882,	10 33	
Dog tax in 1882,	23 00	
Taxes on list of 1881,	25 82	
Taxes on list of 1880,	19 24	
Tax list of 1879,	1 79	
For use of town house,	11 00	
For use of hay scales,	13 05	
For use of pasture,	5 00	
Savings bank tax,	730 51	
Railroad tax,	32 71	
Literary fund,	61 64	
From State, bounty on crows,	14 40	
From treasurer for 1881,	498 92	
Of non-resident highway tax,	9 12	
		$5,067 43

EXPENDITURES.

Breaking Roads in 1882.

Jonathan Coburn,	$ 4 21
H. T. Morrill,	7 31
John D. Buckham,	4 13

D. W. Burnham,	3 74	
Jacob Gould,	3 46	
D. Lakin,	7 25	
S. H. Hardy,	3 75	
G. W. French,	1 75	
C. S. Lowe,	2 00	
H. S. Lowe,	2 50	
Geo. D. Pollard,	2 00	
B. W. Hardy,	75	
Mark Rogers,	11 16	
Levi Dodge,	3 37	
Reuben A. Dutton,	5 99	
Jacob Savage,	4 00	
Geo. H. Duncklee, cutting out Francestown road,	15 00	
William Savage,	12 87	
George W. Grimes,	8 85	
George C. Blanchard,	7 25	
I. B. Farrington,	2 25	
Charles E. Blanchard,	4 92	
John T. Robertson,	1 37	
John H. Reynolds,	1 50	
W. D. Hardy,	2 75	
Nathaniel Morrison,	2 25	
Edward J. Downing,	1 26	
		$127 64

Highways and Bridges.

John O. Colbath,	$ 6 10	
James Lewis,	3 50	
James Cuddihee,	3 15	
Henry S. Lowe,	11 00	
Lyman I. Straw,	2 85	
John D. Buckham,	1 16	
Charles Carll,	4 50	
John F. Savage,	2 60	
John T. Robertson, putting in bridge,	7 60	
Charles M. Butler, work on bridge,	3 75	
John Cain,	1 25	
George W. French,	8 25	
Frank I. Lowe,	15 00	
I. B. Farrington,	4 55	
John H. Reynolds,	2 85	
A. W. Savage, work on bridge,	5 00	
Chas H. Hopkins, bridge plank,	16 99	
W. D. Hardy, work on Francestown road,	111 96	
		$212 06

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Warren Lewis, stationery,	$ 3 09	
Cyrus W. Alcott, damage on highway,	35 00	
M. V. B. Greene, stationery,	3 85	
James Sawyer, overseer of the poor,	15 00	
John T. Robertson,	7 55	
John F. Savage, sawing wood,	1 50	
F. R. Patch, store bill,	14 21	
Frank Brooks, blacksmithing,	1 92	
C. B. Wallace, tolling bell,	2 00	
C. B. Wallace, lighting street lamps,	19 80	
Warren Lewis, clerkship,	20 00	
Warren Lewis, books and repairs for scales,	3 20	
Alfred N. Hardy, superintending schools,	30 00	
John Cain, police service,	2 00	
Frank E. Holt, police service,	2 00	
Mark. M. Grimes, police service,	2 00	
John H. Reynolds, police service,	2 00	
Frank I. Lowe, wood for town house,	5 50	
D. W. Burnham, setting watering tub,	1 00	
N. J. Sawyer, auditor,	2 00	
David Starrett, care of town house,	5 00	
George H. Putnam, watering place,	3 00	
L. Bailey, watering place,	1 00	
S. H. Partridge, returning births and deaths,	6 50	
I. B. Farrington, snowing bridge,	1 00	
W. D. Hardy, damage to plow,	1 00	
Savage & Lewis, rake and lock,	1 37	
John C. Wilkins, damage on highway 1881,	3 00	
Farnum & Scott, printing reports 1882,	18 00	
Supervisors,	11 00	
James Sawyer, expenses of County poor,	36 00	
John T. Robertson, trip to Concord,	5 00	
Damage to sheep by dogs,	13 00	
Bounty on crows,	14 40	
F. C. Fletcher, services as treasurer,	20 00	
Levi B. Hardy, auditor,	2 00	
John D. Emerson, watering place,	3 00	
John D. Emerson, keeping tramps,	1 75	
John T. Robertson, select services,	60 00	
Willis D. Hardy, select services,	55 00	
Alfred W. Savage, select services,	55 00	
David Starrett, collecting taxes 1882,	71 00	
Cemetery fund for grass, 1881,	4 00	
		$564 64

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received,		$5,067 43
Paid out as follows:		
State tax,	$ 788 00	
County tax,	601 14	
School orders,	767 89	
Notes and interest,	1,730 33	
Breaking roads,	127 64	
Repairing highways and bridges,	212 06	
Miscellaneous expenses,	564 64	
		$4,791 70
Balance in hands of treasurer,		$ 275 73

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Due on tax list of 1873,		$3 20	
With the following abatement:			
Lucius Wilson,		3 20	
Due on tax list of 1881,		$1 64	
With the following abatement:			
Henry A. Waite,		1 64	
Due on tax list of 1882,		$44 67	
With the following abatements:			
Dexter F. Abbott, paid in Mass.,	$1 30		
Mark M. Grimes, overtax,	1 30		
William O. Stiles, under age,	1 30		
Edward Greenier,	1 30		
A. H. & C. H. Hopkins,	19 50		
Jonathan Downing,	4 85		
		$29 55	
Total due on tax lists,			$15 12

Amount of notes against the town,		$6,600 30
Due in favor of the town:		
Due on tax list,	$ 15 12	
Due from United States,	558 00	
Balance in the hands of Treasurer,	275 73	
Due from the County,	36 00	
		$884 85
Balance against the town,		$5,715 45

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. ROBERTSON, WILLIS D. HARDY, ALFRED W. SAVAGE, } Selectmen of Greenfield.

Greenfield, N. H., March 1, 1883.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Paid for support of County paupers,		$431 78
Received of County,	$395 78	
Received from town of Greenfield,	36 00	
		$431 78
Due from County,		$36 00

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES SAWYER, Overseer of the Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Whole amount received,	$5,067 43
Paid Selectmen's orders,	4,791 70
Balance in hands of treasurer,	$275 73

FRANKLIN C. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF GREENVALE CEMETERY.

Received of E. C. Richardson,	$11 88	
Received of John Peavey,	16 00	
Received of Geo. S. Peavey,	16 00	
From Town Treasurer for grass in 1881,	4 00	
For grass in 1882,	3 00	
From Adeline Cummings,	4 00	
		$54 88
Paid B. W. Hardy, cutting bushes,	3 00	
A. W. Savage, mulching and watering trees,	2 50	
		5 50
Balance in hands of Town Treasurer,		$49 38

FRANKLIN C. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

We have examined the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Overseer of the Poor, and find them correct.

DAVID STARRETT,
NEWELL J. SAWYER, } Auditors.